

# Griffin Stopped in Kimberley!

why we demonstrated

The fascist British National Party (BNP) have their sights set on Kimberley. They recently attempted to hold a meeting featuring their leader, Nick Griffin, in Kimberley Parish Hall. This was a clear signal that they were trying to push their brand of racist "politics" in the area.

In response, we called on people to come out and oppose them, and prevent the meeting from going ahead. We succeeded in this, with massive support locally, and from further a field.

Since then The BNP have told all kinds of desperate lies about what they are doing, and also lied about what we do to oppose them. This leaflet is an attempt to set the record straight.



BNP leader Nick Griffin with his 'body guard'

# What is the BNP?

where it came from, what it wants

The BNP is an explicitly racist, fascist organisation, with connections to Nazi groups abroad. **It was founded following a split from the openly Nazi organisation, the National Front.** Fascism is a violent ideology and upsurges in racial violence have followed whenever fascists have come to power.

The BNP have a long and well-documented record of violence against those people they oppose: the black community, gays and lesbians, and their political opponents.

**They are anti-trade union and are against the democratic rights that working people have fought for and won**

The BNP may try to act respectably these days, but even in 2007 BNP councillors and former Parliamentary candidates have been convicted for violent and racist crimes.

They would like you to think that they are different to the other political parties, that they are honest and have people's interests at heart. Their councillors have not lived up to any of the wild promises they've made. Some of them don't even show up at the council chamber and others have been forced to resign due to incompetence.

**The BNP pretends to speak for ordinary men and women, but they don't—they speak for racist violence.**

# Nottinghamshire

## STOP THE BNP

### About us

Nottinghamshire Stop the BNP is an organisation committed to fighting fascism. We are not dominated by any one political party, and believe in a grassroots response to the threat that organisations such as the British National Party pose.

We have established local campaigns, run stalls and organised meetings in many towns and villages in Nottinghamshire over the last year.

If you want to get involved in the campaign contact us at the email address below.



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# The BNP, Public Services and Pensions

The lack of major working-class struggles in Britain and a growing political vacuum, help explain how a rich, public-school educated landowner like Nick Griffin has managed to pose as the saviour of the working class.

The BNP is a racist party that lays the blame for the problems local communities face – poor housing, privatisation and council service cuts – at the door of ethnic minorities and asylum seekers.

As soon as workers actually move into struggle the BNP supports the bosses. In 2005, when millions of low-paid workers were defending their pension rights against government attack, the BNP claimed: "The fundamental cause of Britain's looming pensions crisis is the fact that the average Briton is not saving enough money for his or her retirement", and that "a gradual increase in the retirement age... is reasonable". (BNP Economics Bulletin, 5 December 2005)

It then tried to blame civil service workers – whose average pension is £4,800 a year – for government attacks on local government workers' pensions: "Having given central-government employees a sweet deal of retirement at 60, the government is having difficulty forcing local-government employees to make up the loss by accepting a 65 retirement age". (BNP Economics Bulletin, 26 March 2006).

**The BNP doesn't care about ordinary people or public services—their own words make this clear.**



## What do we need?

- Free, equal quality education service for all —with sufficient money to deal with the crisis in schools and colleges
- The restoration of dignity and rights at work.
- An end to poverty wages and jobs with no prospects.
- Raising of the minimum wage.
- Increased taxes on wealthy millionaires and near millionaires.
- Expanded decent, low rental council housing for all.
- Support for communities with services, recreational facilities and a sense of hope that can keep young people away from crime and drugs.

**Trade unions, community campaigners and others battle to improve public services and provision, to defend our rights and speak up for those in need whilst the BNP sit on their hands.**

### Shouldn't the BNP have the right to free speech?

The issue is not of defending or attacking the rights of free speech. Those living in Kimberley know that the BNP are an intimidatory fact of life - in the pubs, on the streets and in their homes. The very existence of the BNP is an attack on the freedom of speech of those who reject their racism.

Outside the meeting, many BNP members walked up to our protest with their fists raised and many verbal threats were made about what they intended to do to us. This is the real face of fascism and the only way to deal with it is to take a firm stand. We know that this tactic is working because the fascists have admitted as much on their web forums.

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# in Kimberley

**Defend jobs, defend our communities, our health service, our housing and the education rights of our kids. Yes!**

**But also defend them from the race hate of the BNP that only leads to violence and division.**



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